

IS IT FAIR?

There are those who seem to think that the decision of the Board to accept new subscriptions at one dollar, is doing an injustice to those who have been subscribers ever since the paper has had an existence. In this they are certainly mistaken, for did they not get the paper last year at one dollar? Does it not give all an equal chance? The price of the paper was reduced to one dollar December 1, 1896. It was raised to \$1.50 December 1, 1897, thus giving all old and new subscribers an opportunity to get the paper at one dollar. Where is the injustice? If this opportunity had not now been given to new subscribers, they might never get it, for who can tell whether the price will return to one dollar? Those who are today young in the service may become as old and as useful in the church as many who are now old have been useful. Why should not they have the benefit of the dollar rate as well as others? Surely we trust it is not the spirit of the elder brother that would begrudge this favor to those who have just come among us.

Personal Mention

Again we are enabled to treat our readers to "Holsingerisms."

Brother Kimmel is having a good meeting at Louisville, Ohio.

Brother Harmon begins a series of revival services at Altoona, December 8.

Sister Hattie Kanaurer reports two accessions to the Bethesda church, Pioneer, Ohio.

Brother J. M. Tombaugh recently visited Troy and at this writing he is at Bloomers, Ohio.

Brother Lee Shirk, Louisville, Ohio, has our thanks for one dollar for the paper to the worthy poor.

Brother Wise, Pennsylvania State Evangelist, is in Washington, assisting Brother Lyon in the mission.

We direct the attention of our young people to the beautiful and helpful letter by Brother Moomaw, addressed to "Maud L."

A sister wishes us to say that she thanks brother D. E. Ronk, California, for sending her the EVANGELIST one year as a gift.

Sister Switzer reports work in the Warsaw congregation progressing nicely. Brother McFaden is expected to preach there next Sabbath.

We are sorry to learn of the accident with which Brother Summers met on his way from preaching service. This time he was "gleaned by the wayside."

Brother Tombaugh recently visited the Hagerstown church and preached a few sermons. He is engaged in revival work in the Fair View congregation.

Brother Lyon asks us to send a few copies of the paper to J. G. Toepper who says of the EVANGELIST "My family keep four other weeklies, but yours I like best."

It is to be hoped that other schools will follow the example of the one reported by Brother Evans in his letter. He does not believe in "canning up" during the winter.

Troy is having a good shaking up of the "dry bones." Brother Delaney is preaching to a full house each night and a report four or five days old says there are six accessions so far.

Brother Albert Evans tells in a very interesting way how the college apportionment was raised in the congregation to which he belongs. We shall be pleased to publish other similar reports.

Brother Rensch is making things lively in Indiana. If those insinuations are kept up much longer Pennsylvania will fall in line and raise its apportionment before Indiana gets thro with its canvass.

□ Brother Flora says he is in the field, not planning, but sowing seed. He is holding a meeting near Warsaw, has good congregations and good interest. The G. B. brethren are assisting in the service.

When last heard from Brother Bemenderfer was still continuing his meetings with one accession as the result thus far. He says Brother Ditch is a noble worker for the Master and is doing much good.

Brother Perry addresses a plain letter to the churches of Indiana on the subject of Home Missions. These appeals for the home work should have the unanimous support of the district in which they are made.

A letter from brother D. W. Ronk, Turlock, Calif., states that that church has paid her apportionment to Ashland College and the same has been forwarded to the treasurer. If congregations 3000 miles away pay their apportionment, shall not we?

Brother Z. H. Copp, pastor of the Brethren church at Ashland, conducted cottage prayer meeting each evening last week, the object being to prepare the hearts of the people for revival services which opened Sabbath morning and will continue two weeks.

Brother Lyon and Sister Detwiler have pledged themselves to furnish twenty new subscribers toward making up the 500. This is an excellent record, and deserves favorable mention, especially so since their field of labor is a mission field. This is the largest number that has been furnished so far by any one congregation.

We quote the following from a postal card by Sister Mull, Roann, under date of November 28: "Our revival meeting, opened by brother Louis Bauman, Nov. 14, is increasing in interest; house crowded every night; eighteen confessions at this writing. This seems to be only the beginning. Pray for us that many more may realize the need of Jesus."

Brother Daniel Stevens, Sidney, Ind., writes: "This is a gloomy Thanksgiving day, but our hearts can be as open to thanks as the blessings of God have been open to us during the past year. With best wishes to you and your blessed paper." Brother Stevens thinks if others could realize the value of the paper we would have added 1000 subscribers instead of 500.

Brother David Augustine recently purchased one of the Brethren Publication Board bonds and desires the interest on the same to be used in sending the EVANGELIST to God's worthy poor. This is very commendable, and many will be the hearts made glad by this act of Christian charity. Brother Augustine is now contemplating a charitable disposition of the principal also. The Lord will bless the liberal heart and enrich the liberal soul.

Brother H. M. Lichty in his article "What Constitutes a Successful Sunday-school" takes strong grounds, but not too strong. It is time that we come to realize and appreciate the possibilities of the Sunday-school, and give it the attention it deserves. Be sure to read Brother Lichty's article and profit by its wise counsel. We should much like to have the discussion of the subject continued, for after all there is no other organization that comes in so close touch with the church as the Sunday-school.

Holiness is the architectural plan upon which God buildeth up his living temple.—*Charles H. Spurgeon.*

Our sleep will be more restful if we have claimed the guardianship of God.

Notes and Comments

It Will Endure.—There is a good story told of Peter Mackenzie, an English Methodist preacher. While in London he visited the Hall of Kings and entered the golden chamber, where he saw the reading chair of Voltaire. "And this belonged," said he, "to the man who was going to pull down the edifice of Christianity and sweep the religion of Jesus from the earth." Then seating himself in the chair, he exclaimed as wondering visitors crowded around him:

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more."

Christianity has come into deadly antagonism with many foes; it has triumphed. It will endure to the end. Steadily and surely its power is increasing, Christ is entering the hearts of men and in time all the nations of the earth will sing from the heart, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and a myriad multitude will say with Paul, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Service.—The following is from the *Religious Telescope*: It is said that when Thomas a Kempis was a student, his teacher asked a class of which he was a member, "What passage of Scripture conveys the sweetest description of heaven?" One answered, "There shall be no sorrow there." Another, "There shall be no more death." Another, "They shall see his face." But Thomas a Kempis, who was the youngest of all, said, "And his servants shall serve him." Oh, the blessedness of service!

A Worthy Act.—We are pleased to note the increasing determination to rid our country of its greatest foe, the saloon. We quote the following from the *Christian Advocate*: A decision has been made that hard cider is a liquor within the meaning of the RAINEY Liquor Tax law, and a citizen of Carmel, Putnam County, N. Y., has recently been fined two hundred dollars for selling hard cider without a liquor license.

Take a Church Paper.—In a Presbyterian church, at an election of elders, an old lady of good sense objected to the choice of two men for that office because they took no church paper and thereby showed a lack of interest in Presbyterianism, and were likewise ignorant of its doings. The same objection might be raised, we fear, against even some United Brethren ministers, to say nothing of many other church officials.—*Telescope.*

The Lord of heaven came to earth to save fallen man from the doom of death. Mankind had fairly earned the wages of sin. Nevertheless, in his surpassing and inconceivable love, God offered instead the gift of eternal life. But before he could give the life of redemption to the world, Christ had to give his own life in atonement for the world. Get a firm hold of this supreme truth, O Christian! Christ died to save men from the death that their own sin earned. We live because he died.

Ten thousand hands beckon to every young life for help. The drunkard, the gambler, the harlot, the oppressed, the poor, the discouraged, the ignorant, the sick, and the friendless, all beseech the aid of strong souls to bring them help and rescue. That man is craven and unchristian who turns his back on the crying needs of the day and lives only for himself.